

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY KUWAIT  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 8195  
AMEMBASSY BEIRUT NIACT IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY LONDON NIACT IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINS, CASC, EAIR, LE, KU, IZ  
SUBJECT: MEA HIJACK TO KUWAIT

REF: KUWAIT 3082 (NOTAL)

1. BRITISH EMBASSY REPORTS THAT "SOURCE AT AIRPORT" (NOT RELIABLE) SAYS THAT MORE THAN 100 PASSENGERS ARE HELD HOSTAGE OF WHOM ABOUT 24 ARE AMERICAN AND UNDISCLOSED NUMBER OF OTHERS ARE BRITISH. SAME UNRELIABLE SOURCE SAYS THAT HIJACKER MAY HAVE BEEN WHEELCHAIR PASSENGER WHO BOARDED AT BEIRUT.

2. BRITISH EMBASSY OFFICERS, WHO LEARNED OF HIJACKING FROM US, NOW ENROUTE TO AIRPORT TO ATTEMPT CONTACT PEOPLE AT CONTROL TOWER. CONTROL TOWER REFUSES TO ANSWER TELEPHONE AS OF NOW.

3. COMMENT: UK EMBOFF HAS IMPRESSION, TOTALLY UNSUBSTANTIATED AT THIS POINT, THAT HIJACKING DOES NOT HAVE MAJOR POLITICAL  
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SIGNIFICANCE. HE AND WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY AREA-WIDE CLAIMS REGARDING HIJACKING AND TENTATIVELY, THEREFORE, CONCLUDE THAT IT IS INDIVIDUAL EFFORT WHICH HAS TAKEN EXTREMISTS GROUPS BY SURPRISE.  
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## Message Attributes

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